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SUBJECT: MARCH 1 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. PHILIPPINES

TWO FIL NURSES GO ON TRIAL IN FEDL COURT DETROIT, ACCUSED OF BEING KILLERS WHO TERRIFIED ANN ARBOR VA HOSPITAL IN 1975. GOVT ACCUSES LEONORA PEREZ/FILIPINA NARCISO OF GIVING DRUG TO PATIENTS THAT CAUSED RESPIRATORY FAILURE; MOTIVE NOT SPECIFIED. CASE ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE ATTN IN PHILS; GOP SENDS PHILS CONGENL FROM CHICAGO TO MONITOR TRIAL. SYMPATHIZERS IN PHILS/US RAISED 90,000 DOLS FOR DEFENSE (WALDRON, NYT).

2. INDONESIA

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FONMIN MALIK CALLS FOR REBUILDING ARMED FORCES. SAYS WEAKER THAN WERE 10 YRS AGO (REUTER JAKARTA)-

3. INDONESIA/AUSTRALIA

NINETY-FOUR PARLIAMENT MEMBERS HAVE SIGNED PETITION TO PRES CARTER CHARGING ATROCITIES BY INDONESIAN TROOPS IN TIMOR, SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP SAID MONDAY (WP). PETITION

ASKSCARTER COMMENT PUBLICLY ON TIMOR SITUATION (REUTER,

NYT). AP (CANBERRA) REPORTS 6 ALP MEMBERS PARLIAMENT CHARGED MONDAY THAT INDO ARMED FORCES HAVE KILLED UP TO 100,000 IN TIMOR. GROUP HAS SENT US HOUSE OF REPS' INTL RELS CMTE REPORT ON SITUATION, AND ASKED IT LOOK INTO CHARGES (CHITRIB).

WSTAR (2/28) CARRIES AP PHOTO OF QUEEN ELIZABETH MEETING MAORI WARRIORS IN GISBORNE, AS PART OF HER SILVER JUBILEE TOUR.

4. SINGAPORE

BUDGET OF 1977-78 PRESENTED PARLIAMENT IS 2.184 BILLION DOLS, W/602 MILLION DOL DEFICIT. DEFENSE AT 403 MILLION, UP 18 PCT FROM CURRENT FY. FIN MINISTER SAYS BUDGET OBJECT IS TO HELP STIMULATE ECONOMY/SPEED UP ECON RECOVERY (UPI, JOC).

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

MONDAY PRES CRITICIZED FORD ADMIN FOR HUMAN RTS POLICIES. SAID IT ERRED IN PLACING PROGRESS ON SUCH ISSUES AS ARMS REDUCTION AHEAD OF RTS CONCERNS (NYDN SPEC).

6. 200-MI LIMIT

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USCG TAKES UP POSITIONS TO ENFORCE NEW LIMIT. WILL STOP FOR 2 MOS ALL FOREIGN FISHING OFF PAC NW, EXPECT FOR TUNA FISHING; WILL ALSO LIMIT FOREIGN FISHERMEN IN N ATL TO HAKE/SQUID, HALT ALL FOREIGN FISHING IN GULF MEXICO (AP NYT, SUN). NATIONS MOST AFFECTED BY NEW LIMITS INCL USSR/POLAND/GDR/SPAIN/JAPAN/CANADA (AP, SUN).

7. DOS

U. ALEXIS JOHNSON RETIRES FROM FS AFTER 42 YR CAREER, INCL SERVICE AT MANY EA POSTS (DE WITT, WP).

8. CHINA

AP (WSTAR 2/28) CITES DOS OFFICIALS' SKEPTICISM ABOUT ANY NIXON ADMIN SECRET AGREEMENT WITH PRC--BUT NOTES, NONE-THELESS, VANCE IS CHECKING ALL DOCUMENTS. HAK AND OTHERS OF HIS STAFF NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.

ON TUES ANNIVERSARY OF TAIWAN UPRISING, PEKING REPEATED CALL FOR ISLAND'S "LIBERATION"--BUT ANALYSTS SEE NO FRESH MESSAGE IN USUAL SPEECHES MARKING OCCASION. PD ALSO REPORTED 200-STRONG NY RALLY MARKING 5TH ANNIVERSARY SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND URGING EARLY NORMALIZATION SINO-

US RELS (REUTER PEKING).

IN PEKING, REUTER'S PETER GRIFFITHS (2/28) CITED PD
REPORT OF CONTINUED STRIFE, INCLUDING ARMED CONFLICT, AT
PAOTING.

REUTER CARRIES REPORT/INTERVIEWS WITH SOME OF 200 AMERI-
CAN/EUROPEAN PASSENGERS OF FIRST WESTERN CRUISE SHIP
(GREEK LINER "DANAE") PERMITTED DOCK AT PRC PORT IN 27
YRS, AFTER SHIP'S RETURN HK. CAPT SAID PRC IMPOSED
STRICT CONDITIONS ON SHIP'S PASSAGE UP PEARL RIVER.

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WP'S MATHEWS (HK) REPORTS CHINESE HAVE DEVELOPED WAY
DETERMINE SEX OF FETUS, TECHNIQUE HELPS IN ABORTING
UNWANTED FEMALE BIRTHS.

PRC SPORTS MINISTER CHUANG TSE-TUNG APPARENTLY DISMISSED
FROM POST AND MAKING SELF-CRITICISM ABOUT RELS WITH "GANG
OF FOUR" (WP).

WP CARRIES PHOTO OF WASHINGTON DEMONSTRATION BY GROUP
PROTESTING ALLEGED NATIONALIST REPRESSION OF TAIWANESE.

WUP (NYT) REPORTS PRES SIGNED EXECUTIVE ORDER MONDAY
REMOVING DUTY-FREE STATUS FOR SOME 115 IMPORTED ITEMS
FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING RADIO RECEIVERS
FROM TAIWAN. WSJ NOTES ORDER ADDS HK RATTAN BASKETS
AND CERTAIN TYPES PHILIPPINE WOOD VENEER PANELS TO DUTY
FREE LIST.

9. KOREA

FEDL INVESTIGATION SK INFLUENCE-BUYING IN US BROADENED
BY ALLEGATIONS DEFECTOR KIM SANG KEUN MADE TO FBI THAT
KCIA GAVE 600,000 DOLS CASH TO KOREAN-AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN
HANCHO KIM FOR DISTRIBUTION TO US CONGRESSMEN. HANCHO KIM
SPENT 45 MIN BEFORE FEDL GRAND JURY LAST OCT CONCERNING
FRIENDSHIPS/SOCIAL CONTACTS W/KCIA AGENTS. IRS REPORTEDLY
RE-EXAMINING KIM'S RECORDS (CHESHIRE/ARMSTRONG, WP).

HANCHO KIM DENIES PART IN KCIA ATTEMPTS BRIBE CONGRESSMEN.
AMCIT KIM SAYS BEING FRAMED; IMPLIES KIM SANG KEUN HAD
GOOD REASON DEFECT FROM KCIA, PERHAPS BECAUSE KCIA FUND
"DISAPPEARED"--SO AFRAID RETURN SK. HANCHO KIM DENIES
KNOWING TONGSUN PARK/SUZY PARK THOMPSON, SAYS FEDL AUTHO-
RITIES HARASSING HIM (O'LEARY, WSTAR 2/28).

SEOUL POLICE PREVENT GATHERING OF DISSIDENTS WHO SIGNED
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PROTEST YR AGO VS PARK REGIME. NATL COUNCIL CHURCHES SCHEDULES PRAYER MTGS IN ALL MAJOR SK CITIES TO MARK 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF MANIFESTO THAT DEPLORED CURBS ON HUMAN RTS/URGED PARK RESIGN (NYT SPEC). TUES PRES PARK IN MESSAGE TO MARK ANNIVERSARY 1919 INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION VS JAPANESE COLONIAL RULE SAID THOUGH RULE NEEDED TO ENSURE NATL SAFETY (REUTER SEOUL).

KOREA ELEC OBTAINS 132.9 MILLION EURO DOLLAR LOAN FROM GROUP BANKS FOR CONSTRUCTION 3RD NUKE POWER PLANT (WSJ).

COL GENL CHI BYONG HAK, VICE MIN NK ARMED FORCES, DIES AT AGE 60 (REUTER HK).

10. JAPAN

JAPANESE SPOKESMAN SAYS USSR/JAPAN HAVE REACHED TEMPORARY AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH JAPANESE FISHING BOATS CAN CONTINUE OPNS WITHIN SOVIET'S NEWLY DECLARED 200-MILE ECON ZONE. JAPAN'S FISHERY AGENCY SAYS ALL COUNTRY'S FISHING VESSELS NOW WITHIN US' 200-MILE ZONE ASKED HALT OPNS IMMEDIATELY/REMAIN WHERE THEY ARE (WP).

RETURNING TOKYO FROM WASHINGTON, ACTING CHRMN JAPAN'S ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION MONDAY TOLD PRESS CONF US OFFICIALS HE MET EXPRESSED STERN STAND ON CARTER ADMIN'S PLANNED CONTROL NUKE POWER DEVELOPMENT. CHRMN HEADED OFFICIAL MISSION ON 10-DAY VISIT IN HOPES PREPARING FOR CARTER-FUKUDA SUMMIT CONF. JAPAN WANTS LEADERS REACH AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON ON US COOPERATION IN JAPAN'S NUKE POL, INCL NUKE FUEL CYCLING, BUT CHRMN SAID ADMIN HAD APPARENTLY NOT YET MAPPED OUT CONCRETE POL PREVENT NUKE PROLIFERATION. MISSION'S FAILURE OBTAIN US AGREEMENT EXPECTED CAUSE TROUBLE TO JAPAN'S PLAN BEGIN TEST RUNS NEW REPROCESSING PLANT (REUTER TOKYO 2/28).

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WSJ'S KANDAUER REPORTS USG INVESTIGATIONS ASSEMBLING "STRONG INDICATIONS" THAT CIA KNEW ABOUT/ENCOURAGED UNDER-THE-TABLE CASH FLOW FROM US CORPS TO POL FIGURES ABROAD. AMONG OTHERS, ARTICLE MENTIONS LOCKHEED SCANDAL. STATES WHAT WASN'T EMPHASIZED IN PROBE WAS KODAMA'S COVERT ASSNS W/CIA, R8LE AS POL FINANCIER FOR LDP. GOVT INVESTIGATORS NOTE LOCKHEED'S PAYOFFS TO KODAMA, IN ADDITION EXPEDITING PLANE SALES, PROMOTED US INTERESTS BY HELPING KEEP LDP IN POWER. IN TURN, LDP REARMED JAPAN, AS US WANTED, AND LOCKHEED SECURED MULTI-MIL-DOL SALE.

FUKUDA TOLD GROUP BUSINESSMEN 2/28 JAPAN SHOULD INCREASE

IMPORTS FROM US/W EUR TO AVOID TRADE FRICTIONS. SAID JAPAN SHOULD NOT CONCENTRATE ON INCREASING EXPORTS, THO NOTED WAS INEVITABLE COUNTRY WOULD HAVE SOME VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS DUE NEED OFFSET CHRONIC DEFICIT IN INVISIBLE TRADE BAL (WP).

US DOL REBOUNDED AGAINST YEN AS TRADERS REASSESSED FUKUDA'S ENDORSEMENT OF RISE IN YEN VALUE. TOKYO DEALERS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT YEN'S SURGE IN FOREX Mkt FRIDAY AFTER PM'S TELEVISED VIEWS; SAID HIS VIEWS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED IN JAPAN (WSJ).

MITI PREDICTS JAPAN'S FY'77 PLANT EXPORTS WILL SURPASS 12 BIL DOLS FOR 1ST TIME IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY/MAY CONTINUE EXPANDING BY ABOUT 20 PCT ANNUALLY. AMONG BEST MARKETS ARE SEA/COMMUNIST BLOC/MIDEAST/AFR/ CENTRAL, S AMER (CULLISON, JOC).

EXPORT SURGE ENABLES MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC (PANASONIC/QUASAR/NATIONAL) BOOST CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS 107 PCT IN FY '76. FIRM PREDICTS SLOWER GAINS FOR 1ST HALF FY'77. (WSJ).

JAPAN'S TOA HARBOR WORKS WILL COMPLETE 40 PCT OF 130-
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MIL-DOL NAVAL BASE IN KUWAIT (UPI, JOC).

UNDER JOINT SALES PROGRAM, OVERSEAS MARKETS WILL BE ABLE BUY HIGH-POWER STEEL FURNACE/STEELMAKING KNOWHOW IN PKG DEAL FROM SANYO STEEL/ISHIKAWAJIMA HEAVY INDUSTRIES (JOC).

ELIA (WSJ) REPORTS JAPAN'S LOWER-PRICED SAVIN-RICOH COPIERS PUSHING COMPETITION AMONG XEROX/IBM. IBM HAS ALREADY REDUCED PRICES, PUTTING PRESSURE ON XEROX MEET CHALLENGE.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. THAILAND

HARRIS (GLOBE 2/27) DOES TRAVEL PIECE ON THAILAND. AT FIRST, WONDERED IF SAFE; FOUND WK THERE "REMARKABLY PACIFIC," VARIED, INTERESTING.

12. ASEAN

MORITZ (CSM) LOOKS OVER RECENT MANILA ECON MINISTERS' MTG, SEES SIGNS PROGRESS IN SIGNING 4-POINT PLAN TO INCREASE TRADE CONTRACTS/ENCOURAGE LOW-INTEREST LOANS. REVIEWS ASEAN HISTORY. MENTIONS PHILS/SINGAPORE AGREED TO 10 PCT TARIFF CUT IN MUTUAL TRADE; ASEAN OIL OFFICIALS

AGREE SHARE OIL SUPPLIES IN CASE OF WORLD CRISIS;
INDONESIA GIVES PREFERENCE TO PURCHASE UP TO 300,000 TONS
THAI RICE; 5 JOINT ASEAN PROJECTS AGREED UPON. BUT QUOTES
OFFICIALS THAT PROGRESS TOWARD COMMON MKT WILL BE SLOW,
SINCE MOST MEMBERS MAINLY EXPORT SIMILAR RAW MATLS/EACH
HAS "INFANT" INDUSTRIES TO PROTECT.

13. KOREA

HENDERSON (CSM) NOTES US RESPONSIBILITY IN SK; SAYS
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SIMILAR ROLE OF USSR IN NK IS MORE STRAINED/DISTANT. SAYS
FREEDOM IN SK, INSTEAD OF ADVANCING W/WEALTH, HAS EBBED.
DEPLORES US UNINTENTIONAL CLEAVING/"HOSTILIZING" PENINSULA.
BLAMES US FOR DISPLACING TRADITIONAL POL SYSTEM/THRU UN-
BALANCED MIL AID THAT MADE MIL RULE INEVITABLE. OPINES
US COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RTS CANNOT BE ABSOLUTE SO LONG AS
US PATRONIZES SEOUL'S PRESENT SYSTEM. RECOMMENDS US SET
CLEAR COURSE TOWARD KOREAN REUNIFICATION (NOT UNDER EITHER
PRESENT LEADERSHIP) TO PRODUCE POL STABILITY/MIL PEACE/
ECON PROSPERITY, RESULT IN STRONG/INDEPENDENT KOREA.
ADVISES US DRAWING BACK GRADUALLY, W/REMOVAL NUKE WEAPONS
AS 1ST STEP; WANTS REVIVAL SIGNIFICANT UN ROLE FOR KOREA
TO BUILD 4-POWER FRAMEWORK TO "PROPEL" 2 KOREAS BACK INTO
PEACEFUL CONTACT.

COHEN (CSM) REVIEWS DECLARATION OF NATL CONSCIENCE MADE
YR AGO BY DISSIDENTS, ARREST/TRIAL SIGNERS. BELIEVES
GROUP'S FATE WILL DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON PARK'S ASSESS-
MENT OF CARTER ADMIN'S EVOLVING HUMAN RTS POLICY. NOTES
VANCE INDICATES US WILL NOT CUT OFF MIL/ECON AID TO SK
TO PROMOTE HUMAN RTS. COMMENTS MAY BE SENSIBLE, BUT
WONDERS IF US PRES WOULD UNDERMINE SEOUL'S SECURITY BY
WRITING KIM DAE JUNG SYMPATHETIC LTR.

REP DERWINSKI (R-ILL) CALLS US PROBE SK GOVT LOBBYING
"REDUNDANT INQUIRY," ASKS HOUSE HALVE STAFF BUDGET FUNDS.
HIRC INVESTIGATING SUBCMTE'S FRASER SAYS SURPRISED/DIS-
APPOINTED TO LEARN OF SUBCMTE MEMBER DERWINSKI'S ACTION.
FRASER ADDS WANTS EXAMINE TIES BETW ROKG/UNIFICATION
CHURCH; EXTORTION POL FUNDS FROM US FIRMS BY PRES PARK;
INFLUENCE-BUYING BY SK IN US ACADEMIC WORLD/MEDIA; HARASS-
MENT KOREAN-AMERICANS BY KCIA (BABCOCK, WP).

14. JAPAN

WIEDRICH (CHITRIB) INTERVIEWS ZENITH CORP CHRMN NEVIN, WHO
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MAKES ANGRY ACCUSATIONS JAPAN DUMPING TVS ON US MARKET IN VIOLATION US LAW. NEVIN CLAIMS JUSTICE/TREAS DEPTS FAILED ENFORCE LAWS "AT BEHEST" DOS. BELIEVES DOS

"EXERCISED AUTHORITY FAR BEYOND THAT CONTEMPLATED BY CONGRESS" IN ALL TRADE MATTERS IN ORDER AVOID "SQUABBLES" W/JAPAN. WIEDRICH NOTES ZENITH'S ANTITRUST SUIT AGAINST JAPANESE INDUSTRY, FILED 1974, SCHEDULED FOR HEARING THIS SUMMER. URGES STATE/JUSTICE/TREAS CARRY OUT CONGRESSIONAL MANDATES AGAINST ILLEGAL DUMPING BEFORE US' TV INDUSTRY "GOES DOWN THE DRAIN" DUE "DIPLOMATIC GUTLESSNESS AND BUREAUCRATIC STUPIDITY."

15. CHINA

GLOBE'S CROCKER SNOW (2/26) SAYS "UNSURE PEKING WAITS NEXT CARTER MOVE." WRITES THAT IN PAST 5 YRS US HAS MADE SOME MEANINGFUL AND MEASURED MOVES, BUT TODAY PACE OF PROGRESS/EXCHANGES/TRADE HAS SLOWED. CHINESE HAVE SIGNALLED CARTER ADMIN GESTURE OF INTEREST. GROUPS ACTIVE IN US-PRC EXCHANGES CAN BE EXPECTED LOBBY FOR NEW MOVES. ATTENTION ON US-TAIWAN RELS, WITH NO CONSENSUS HOW HANDLE MATTER. HOWEVER, PRC HAS SHOWN SIGNS WILL NOT ATTEMPT OVERTHROW TAIWAN BY FORCE IF US TREATY BROKEN. SNOW NOTES JAN 11 PD EDIT AS FURTHER EVIDENCE PRC ATTEMPTING BOOST LARGELY DEAD BATTERY OF NORMALIZATION.

FROM HK, SUN'S WU NOTES THAT TWO LEADING COMMUNIST PAPERS WHICH USUALLY REVEAL OFFICIAL THINKING ("TA KUNG PAO" AND "NEW EVENING POST") CARRIED 2/28 ARTICLES REFLECTING PRC IMPATIENCE OVER LACK OF FULLY NORMALIZED RELS. SAYS "TKP" CHIDED NEW ADMIN FAILURE SPECIFY WHEN COMMUNIQUE'S ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE REALIZED. "POST" REPEATED PRC'S THREE CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION. BUT WU SAYS ITS EMPHASIS ON TREATY ABROGATION INDICATIVE PRC NOW CONSIDERS THIS CRUCIAL; SEES PRC PRESS TREATMENT SEEMINGLY UNCLASSIFIED

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DIRECTED AT US INDECISION AND RESURGENCE OF DIVISIVENESS OVER POLICY.

LAT (2/27) CARRIES QUARTER PAGE AD, "OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER", URGING NORMALIZATION US-PRC DIP RELS NOW; LETTER FROM SOUTHERN CALIF CHAPTER OF NATIONAL CHINESE-AMERICAN CMTE FOR THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE PRC.

IN LENGTHY LAT ARTICLE (2/27), RICHARD BAUM REVIEWS HISTORY US-PRC RELS SINCE SIGNING OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. ASSERTS CARTER ADMIN HAS APPARENTLY OPTED FOR POLICY OF "BENIGN NEGLECT." SEES NO UNANIMITY OF VIEW BY ADVOCATES OF EARLY NORMALIZATION, SAYS UNKNOWN WHETHER PEKING'S

CURRENT LEADERSHIP RECEPTIVE TO PRINCIPLE OF "DEFERRED SOVEREIGNTY" WHICH OFFERS POTENTIALLY FRUITFUL BASIS FOR COMPLETING NORMALIZATION PROCESS. MAINTAINS HAS BEEN PRC MOVEMENT TOWARD MORE FLEXIBLE POSTURE ON TAIWAN QUESTION WHILE CARTER ACTIONS/NON ACTIONS SIGNIFY TACIT HARDENING OF US CHINA POLICY. CONCLUDES THAT FULL NORMALIZATION PERHAPS NOT REALISTIC IMMEDIATE PROSPECT BECAUSE OF TAIWAN QUESTION; BUT PEKING HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS WORK AROUND DIFFERENCES, SO CARTER SHOULD SEEK RECAPTURE LOST MOMENTUM OF EARLY '70'S, OR "SPIRIT OF SHANGHAI" COULD BECOME "GHOSTLY REMINDER OF MISSED OPPORTUNITIES."

16. 200-MILE LIMIT

STEINHART (LAT 2/27) DOES LENGTHY ITEM RE PROSPECTS FOR US UNDER NEW LIMIT. NOTES US FISHING HARVEST HAS STEADILY DECLINED WHILE FROM '70-'74, JAPAN'S CATCH OFF US GREW 15 PCT, SK'S 145 PCT. REMARKS JAPANESE CLAIM SCRUPULOUS OBSERVANCE TREATY QUOTAS FOR BERING SEA CRAB, BUT STATES AGREEMENTS HAVE WORKED ONLY WHEN US OBSERVERS PLACED ABOARD FISHING VESSELS. CITES JAPAN'S RELUCTANT ACCEPTANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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200-MI LIMIT, ITS EXPECTED FIGHT INVOKE IT AROUND TINY CORAL ATOLL NOW FORMING IN S PAC. BOTH US/JAPANESE PILOTS CONTINUALLY FLY OVER ATOLL, TRYING BE 1ST "DISCOVER" NEW TERR/DECLARE 200-MI ZONE AROUND IT.

CSM SEES PROBLEMS, WELL AS ADVANTAGES, TO 200-MI LIMIT. SAYS EXACTING FEES FOR FISHING IN US WATERS WILL INCREASE COST JAPAN'S BASIC FOODSTUFF/PERHAPS BECAUSE OF JAPAN-US RELS. CONCERNED OVER PRACTICE ESTABLISHING SEA LAW ON ONE-BY-ONE BASIS, RATHER THAN BY UNIVERSAL SANCTION--MAY BE BAD PRECEDENT FOR SOLVING OTHER DIFFICULT LOS ISSUES, SUCH AS SEABED MINING.

17. PHILIPPINES

NYT'S KAMM (MANILA) SAYS IN YEARS SINCE 1946, US PRIDE IN PHILS DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES FADED AS THOSE STRUCTURES WERE PROVEN HOLLOW BY ABUSE/CORRUPTION AND GROWING CHASM BETWEEN FEW RICH/MANY POOR; FINDS NOW, AFTER FOUR AND HALF YEARS MARTIAL-LAW GOVT UNDER MARCOS, "EVEN THAT SHELL HAS CRUMBLLED." NOTES MARCOS, FAR FROM PREPARING FOR NORMAL GOVT RETURN, IS DISCUSSING HIS SUCCESSION BY EXTRA CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS. OBSERVES THAT FILS' FEARS OF SPEAKING MINDS AND OFFICIAL CRITICISM OF US, PARTICULARLY AMERICAN PRESS, ARE NEW FACTS OF LIFE IN COUNTRY THAT ONCE WAS REMARKABLY FREE/PRO-US.

IN LETTER TO LAT (2/28), CONSUL GENERAL TORRES OF PHILS'

LA CONSULATE TAKES STRONG EXCEPTION TO ONORATO ARGUMENTS
(2/11) THAT US "SHOULD USE ITS CLOUT" TO KEEP PHILS BASES.
MAINTAINS THAT WITH SOME MINIMAL OBSERVANCE OF RESPECT FOR

PHILS SOVEREIGNTY AND FAIR DEALING, US COULD STAY IN
ISLANDS AND PROTECT ITS PRIMARY INTERESTS IN PACIFIC.

RE SAME ONORATO DISPATCH, SANTA ANA COLLEGE HISTORY
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INSTRUCTOR OSBORNE WRITES LAT (2/23) THAT CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING US ACQUISITION/"PACIFICATION" OF FILS CON-
STITUTE, IN VIEW MANY DIPLOMATIC HISTORIANS, ONE OF MOST
SERIOUS MORAL/STRATEGIC BLUNDERS IN HISTORY OF US FORN
RELS. HOLDS THAT AT PRESENT TIME, PHILS NAVAL INSTALLA-
TIONS ARE PROBABLY MORE CONVENIENT THAN INDISPENSABLE TO
PROVIDING FOR US SECURITY IN PACIFIC.

RAUL MANGLAPUS, FORMER PHILS FORNMIN, NOW VISITING
PROFESSOR AT AU, HOLDS US SHOULD CALL MARCOS' BLUFF,
STOP SUPPORTING HIM, GIVE FILIPINOS FIGHTING CHANCE TO
REGAIN THEIR INDIGENOUS DEMOCRACY (WP 2/27).

18. ENIWETOK

CHITRIB'S KOTULAK RECALLS HOW ATOLL WAS DENUDED BY WAR/
NUKE TESTS; REVIEWS US EFFORTS NOW TO RESTORE LIFE THERE
"WAY NATURE HAD INTENDED." CAUTIONS, HOWEVER, NEXT
THREAT TO ATOLL MAY COME FROM ENIWETOKESE; AMONG OTHER
THINGS, THEY MUST DECIDE WHAT USE TO MAKE OF AIRPORT,
LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE JETS THAT WILL BE LEFT BEHIND.

19. HUMAN RIGHTS

LEWIS (NYT 2/28) BELIEVES ADMIN'S ACTIVITY RE HUMAN RTS
IS PRACTICAL/WILL DO GOOD/WILL HELP THOSE UNDER TOTALI-
TARIAN REGIMES. QUOTES DOD THAT CONCERN OVER US ATTITUDE
RISING IN RT-WING GOVTS. NOTES INDONESIA'S SUHARTO SAID
THOUSANDS POL PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED THIS YR; GIVES
OTHER EXAMPLES. ADMITS HUMAN RTS ISSUE NOT EASY, BUT
THINKS CARTER HAS AVOIDED PITFALLS SKILLFULLY.

JACK ANDERSON (WP 2/27) APPLAUDS CARTER'S STEPS TO PLACE
MORALITY ABOVE COVENIENCE. REVIEWS RECENT EVENTS, CON-
CLUDES CIA'S DETERMINATION TO GET DOWN IN GUTTER HAS
NOT PAID OFF; RESULT WAS US LOST INFLUENCE.
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GWERTZMAN (NYT 2/27) REVIEWS PRES' "ACTIVIST" FOPOLICY.
SEES NEW POLICIES ON HUMAN RTS/FOREIGN AID/ARMS SALES

POSING SAME OLD QUESTIONS: ON 1 HAND, HIGHLY MORAL; ON OTHER, RAISE ISSUE OF WHETHER US HAS RIGHT/OBLIGATION TELL OTHERS HOW BEHAVE AND IF SUCH LECTURING MAY HAVE UNINTENDED EFFECT OF LIMITING US INFLUENCE ABROAD.

WIEGHART (NYDN 2/28) BELIEVES GREAT NEED FOR US STAND UP FOR HUMAN RTS NOW WHEN VICTIMS LOOKING TO US FOR MORAL SUPPORT. SEES US READY RESUME ROLE AS EXPONENT HUMAN RTS AFTER DECADE UPHEAVAL/DISSENT/USE POLICE POWER VS CITIZENS.

GERMOND/WITCOVER (WSTAR 2/28) SEE EVIDENCE CONCERN OVER HUMAN RTS "NOT UNIQUE TO DEMOCRACIES." QUOTE PRES IN INTERVIEW THAT RTS QUESTION NOT POL TACTIC, BUT MATTER PRINCIPLE.

20. GENERAL

MARRO (NYT) SAYS NOW CLEAR CIA FUNNELED LARGE SUMS MONEY TO FON LEADERS, BUT OFFICIALS INSIST PAYMENTS WERE FOR INTELL SERVICES--NOT BRIBERY. NOTES ALMOST ALL 12 WORLD LEADERS NAMED IN NEWS ACCOUNTS AS RECIPIENTS ISSUED DENIALS, INCL AIDE TO MAGSAYSAY, WHO CALLED ALLEGATIONS "PACK OF LIES."

CSM'S GODSELL SEES FAILURE LATEST ROUND SINO-SOV BORDER TALKS, INDICATED BY RETURN USSR CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, AS "OBLIQUE REMINDER" EA "HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NEGLECTED" BY CARTER ADMIN. WONDERS WHETHER TALKS' FAILURE WILL LEAD TO NEW MOVES IN US-RPC DIPLOMACY. GODSELL ENUMERATES ADMIN'S DIPL MOVES AFFECTING EA WHICH HAVE BEEN GETTING PUBLICITY. STATES THOSE IN DOS MOST CLOSELY ASSOCIATED W/WOODCOCK MISSION SEE IT AS INITIATIVE W/DOMESTIC UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPLICATIONS--SUCH AS MIAS--RATHER THAN CAREFULLY PLANNED FOPOL MOVE DIRECTED TOWARD NORMALIZING US-VN RELS.

GODSELL SAYS VN HAS DONE ITS BEST NOT BURN ANY BRIDGES WHICH MIGHT PREVENT ESTABLISHING LINKS W/US, AND IN TOUGH LANGUAGE INSIST US OWES DEBTS/OBLIGATIONS. CONCLUDES ONE REASON WHY HANOI LOOKING FOR WASHINGTON LINK IS FOR "CARD TO PLAY" IN OWN "BALANCING ACT" BETW SUPERPOWERS, SINCE VN DIPLOMATICALLY/POLITICALLY CLOSER TO "DISTANT GIANT" USSR, THAN PRC--"THE GIANT NEXT DOOR."

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